

REMARKS

Claims 1-44 are pending in the present application.

The Examiner has required election in the present application between:

Group I, claims 1-35, drawn to a content use control device for performing use control of a content provided from a providing source of various contents to a user..., classified in class 705, subclass 51; and

Group II, claims 36-44, drawn to a recording device comprising a storage region holding write-protect information for controlling writing to the storage medium, reading and writing unit... classified in class 720, subclass 719.

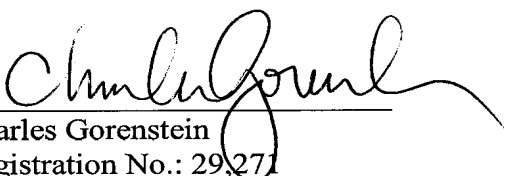
For the purpose of examination of the present application, Applicants elect, without traverse, Group 1, Claims 1-35.

Should there be any outstanding matters that need to be resolved in the present application, the Examiner is respectfully requested to contact Charles Gorenstein, Registration No. 29,271 at the telephone number of the undersigned below, to conduct an interview in an effort to expedite prosecution in connection with the present application.

If necessary, the Commissioner is hereby authorized in this, concurrent, and future replies, to charge payment or credit any overpayment to our Deposit Account No. 02-2448 for any additional fees required under 37 C.F.R. § 1.16 or under § 1.17; particularly, extension of time fees.

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Respectfully submitted,

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